



MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY MANUAL TRANSMITTAL LETTER (MEMTL) NO. 176

To: All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

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Subject: Medicaid: Permanent File COVID-19 Rules Batch 4

This MEMTL contains two rules that have been amended from Chapter 5160:1-2 of the Administrative Code, adopted under section 111.15 of the Revised Code. The rules were also evaluated as part of a five-year review in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code.

The effective date is December 14, 2020.

In addition to the five-year review updates, these rules were amended to comply with Ohio's Medicaid Disaster Relief for the COVID-19 National Emergency State Plan Amendment (SPA). The amendments make permanent during the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency those changes that were emergency filed pursuant to section 111.15 of the Ohio Revised Code on July 8, 2020.

The following Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules were amended:

Chapter 2

OAC 5160:1-2-11 Medicaid: United States (U.S.) Citizenship Documentation.

Changes to this rule include extending the reasonable opportunity period (ROP) for individuals who are unable to provide satisfactory documentation of U.S. citizenship and adding language to clarify that individuals are entitled to one ROP per application, rather than one ROP per individual.

OAC 5160:1-2-12 Medicaid: Non-Citizens.

Changes to this rule include extending the reasonable opportunity period (ROP) for individuals who are unable to provide verification of satisfactory immigration status and adding language to clarify that individuals are entitled to one ROP per application, rather than one ROP per individual. The rule is also being revised to update the effective date of coverage for an individual on an ROP from the date of application to the first day of the calendar month of application.

This information is also available on the Ohio Department of Medicaid website and may be accessed at:

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